



SPORTS



JOE COHEN HAS FIGHTING PAIR

Joel Cohen, the genial impresario-prize-fight promoter has been heard from again. Will Prestidge received a letter from Joe on the last boat from the Coast, stating that he had practically signed up with two mug-smashers to come down here. They are both in the same class with Dick Sullivan, who at present is the real McCoy in Honolulu.

The fighting game will be given a decided impetus if Cohen slings his hooks around the two gentlemen of the squared ring with whom he is negotiating. The first and foremost man of the duo is Kyle Whitney, who has mixed things with Dick Sullivan on two different occasions, with even honors. The first time that Sullivan and Whitney pelted each other, the latter broke his arm in the eleventh canto, and the decision was handed out to Sullivan. But it was not given him on any silver platter, for the ten rounds that the two youngsters went to it before the broken bone incident were as hard-fought as any ever were, with advantage on neither side.

Considerable time after this, Sullivan and Whitney met again. To Whitney this time fell the honors after twenty-three rounds of grilling give-and-take. Sullivan looked to be the "money" the early part of this fight, but Whitney had it on him in point of condition and training.

When these two bruisers step into the padded ring in Honolulu, if Cohen secures Whitney, the greatest fight this little old burg ever saw is promised. It will be an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth throughout and both men will be in the pink of training and condition. Odds will not be far from even when these clever little fighters meet.

About George Peterson, the second man that Cohen has his eye on, little is known here among the fighting fans. Joe stated in his letter that Peterson had fought with Whitney, but he forgot to say who was the winner. However, a man in Whitney's class is certainly in the same class with Sullivan, and there will be things doing when these three swift lads get together.

START PRACTISE NEXT MONDAY

At noon yesterday the trustees of the league officially decided, as was predicted in these columns, to play "Mique" Fisher's aggregation of All-Stars, and a committee, consisting of Chas. Falk, F. Steere, E. Fernandez and John Wise, was appointed to select a team of All-Hawaiians.

The men from whom this nine will be selected was announced in the Advertiser of yesterday. Practise will start Monday afternoon and it is expected that there will be a large turnout for the first day. Merit will count in selecting the team, and diligence in getting out to practise will also be taken into consideration.

A meeting of the committee will be held Saturday afternoon when the captain-manager of the local team will be selected. E. Fernandez may be put in charge, though nothing definite will be known until after the meeting of the committee.

Sport Notes

Notwithstanding the fact that nothing definite regarding the annual canine show for the year of 1909 can be known until after the annual meeting, dog-fanciers of the city are starting in early in preparation for the big event. The annual meeting of the Hawaiian Kennel Association will be held on the fourth Tuesday in January. D. P. R. Isenberg is president of the association.

Jo. Charles Green, California advertising magnate, threw the miles behind him yesterday when he circled the island in his Thomas Flyer "60."

Kapiolani Park's race track will be the scene of a number of hair-raising motor-cycle races on New Year's Day. There will be at least eight entries in the races, which will furnish novel as well as thrilling sport. Joe Leal, with the police machine, will be on hand prepared to throw the dust behind him.

HILO TRIBUNE VERSE.

A spreading Fern has blocked the Lane
To Honolulu folks' abodes;
But citizens do not complain,
Because he's made some other Rhodes.
Remember, while you praise the Court,
The longest Lane has got a turn;
And as our Lane is rather short,
Henson will give a turn to Fern.

WILL TRY CONCLUSIONS WITH "PLUMBER'S" BUNCH



MIQUE FISHER, THE PLUMBER BASEBALL MAGNATE

When "Mique" Fisher and his aggregation of world's champions step down the gang-plank on their arrival back in Honolulu, they will be met with the cheering information that this town has a team which is not only ready to try conclusions with them, but that will also go into each and every game with a good and fair chance of winning. Notwithstanding the almost apparent apathy with which the return of the All-Americans seemed to be viewed locally, the boys have awakened at last to a realization of where they stand, and are going into the proposition of securing players with the right sort of spirit and the enthusiasm that wins contests.

Yesterday afternoon Eddie Fernandez took the initiative upon himself and made up a list of baseball artists from among the recognized experts in the game here. Then he started on a round of calls, to get each man's expression of opinion on the subject. Almost everyone, with the exception of a few who state that their share of the game receipts will not be sufficient, is ready and willing to do everything in his power to help the good work along. It is all up to the players now, and it will again be put up to them by the trustees of the league today at noon, whether or not the series is to be played with the fat plumber's stellar aggregation.

Lyman and Soares will try out for the backstop positions. Both of these lads are all to the good behind the bat, and with either Reuter, Leslie, or Barney Joy holding down the center of the diamond as the slab artist, the battery of the locals can not be complained of. Bruns and Eddie Fernandez will switch off at the initial station, and Jimmie Williams may be secured, if possible, to corner the warm buns around second. Bill Hampton will be asked to cover shortstop territory, and it is to be hoped that this clever, heady

player can be induced to don an All-Hawaii uniform. Hampton has a baseball noodle all the time, and he knows the inside of the great national game probably as well as any player or fan in the Islands. He has expressed reluctance to get into the game any more, but for the honor of Hawaii and the future of baseball in Honolulu he should get out this time.

Harry Bruns and McKenzie are slated for left field, and this duo is competent. Harry Bruns was one of the hardest hitters in the league last season, and can be depended on for a lively tap at the right stage of the game. En Sue, the whirlwind little speeder, and Olmos of the Diamond Heads will do service in the center garden, and Walker and Will Desha will do their duty in right.

This bunch of ball-tossers, with three weeks' steady, conscientious practise, can force the champions to be up and doing all the time. They have had a rather easy time of it in the Far East, although they didn't walk away with the nifty little Keios, and it is up to the boys here to show them a high standard bit of Island baseball. It is either play this series, or play not at all, according to a leading player today.

"We must play those fellows," he said, "for the league has guaranteed them \$800. Unless we come through with this sum by furnishing them with games, the league trustees will decide that baseball enthusiasm in the Islands has totally disappeared, and will tear down the grandstand at the park. This is a fact. It is play now, or play not at all."

Eddie Fernandez will have seen all the players before the meeting today at noon, and his statement will make an interesting report. Honolulu wants to see those All-American players in action. They are the best of the best, holding down positions in the best professional teams in the world.

CHICAGO MAN MET O'CONNELL

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—M. J. Dwyer, wrestling instructor of the Chicago athletic club, failed in his effort to throw Eddie O'Connell, wrestling instructor of the Multnomah amateur athletic club, three times in sixty minutes at the exposition rink tonight. But one fall was secured by Dwyer, and this on a "head scissors," after thirty minutes and forty-three seconds wrestling. O'Connell repeatedly brought the crowd to its feet by his fast work in wriggling out of good holds.

O'Connell is the man whom Doctor Roller offered to throw thirty times in an hour. There is a story behind the challenge of Roller which the papers up North haven't, and probably will not, handle. That is the intense rivalry between the Seattle Athletic Club, in which Roller was physical instructor, and the Multnomah Athletic Club of Portland, where Eddie O'Connell teaches the strong-arm act.

Roller was convinced that O'Connell was afraid of him, and consequently had a hunch that the latter thought the best thing he could do would be to hedge on various excuses. As a matter of fact, O'Connell did not appear over-anxious to meet the Seattle giant, and he was mildly roasted by the sporting editors in his home town. This seemed to bring him around, for he came out with a statement that he would meet Roller, take up his challenge, after his meeting with Dwyer, of Chicago, who went on to throw the Portland man three times in an hour.

That Roller is supremely confident in his own prowess is evidenced beyond a doubt by his offer to undertake, on a \$500 side bet, the herculean task of swamping O'Connell thirty times in sixty minutes. The challenge is also proof that Roller does not intend to forsake the wrestling game, now that he has entered the field of heavy-weight prize-fighters.

"KEEP IT DARK," SELDOM HEARD

If any one thing counts more than another in the world of professional athletic sports that one thing is publicity. The ability of a fighter, ball player, coach or trainer to keep his name and his features under the glare of the spotlights and on the lips of the fans is one of the most potent factors in his struggle for livelihood. It is often more important than excellence in his particular line, as is witnessed by the incomprehensible successes of professional athletes who either have never exhibited what the sporting world calls "class," or who have long ago passed their period of usefulness.

There are times, however, when the object of talk in fandom would gladly "pass the buck" to one of his fellow professionals and hide himself in obscurity until the story about him passes out of the public mind. Merkle of the New York Giants, for instance, would welcome any sort of a psychological phenomena which would forever hush the description of how he lost the championship of the world for his team. When the second baseman failed to touch the bag in the deciding game of the New York-Chicago series, he gained a notoriety which will require years of good playing to overcome. The member of the Harvard boat crew who broke down in the Yale-Harvard match last year has never entirely recovered his standing, while Jack Monroe lapsed into oblivion after one healthy wallop from Blacksmith Jeffries.—San Francisco Bulletin.

NO OPIUM IN CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

There is not a particle of opium or other narcotic in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and never has been since it was first offered to the public. It is as safe a medicine for a child as for an adult. This remedy is famous for its cures of colds and croup, and can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii.

THE TACTFUL HUSBAND.

"How did you cure your wife of chattering so much?"
"I told her that when her lips were closed they formed a perfect Cupid's bow."—Cleveland Leader.

excellent amusement for the public.

The pugilistic game has come to the front amazingly, notwithstanding the efforts that were made to keep it smothered. During the stay of the two fleets in this port, a large number of mills were pulled off, and they were all classy. The outlook for the future of this sport in Honolulu is excellent. With a clever youngster like Dick Sullivan at present holding the "championship of Hawaii," and two fast fighters like Kyle Whitney and George Peterson, scheduled to arrive here shortly, little more need be said with regard to the 1909 prospects. Good crowds have attended every scrap held during 1908, guaranteeing gate receipts that warrant the bringing of the best fighters here from the Coast.

So has it been during 1908 in all branches of sport. Honolulu is without a doubt being recognized on the map of Sportdom, as much because of the high standard she has set in her performances as because of the cosmopolitanism of the sports here.

Today there will be golf at the Country Club, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning; soccer, starting at 1:30 in the afternoon; motorcycle races, and almost every outdoor sport played will be represented. It will start the new year off right. Let us hope it will be continued.

GETTING UP A CABINET

By Ernest G. Walker.

(Mail Special to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Four or five of the larger states are figuring prominently in President-elect Taft's calculations regarding his cabinet. He wants to distribute the prizes around as much as possible. He is not at all regarding location as much as President Roosevelt has. The latter did not hesitate for a moment about taking three of his cabinet of nine from New York State, provided they were men he wanted. So it is that now Secretaries Root, Cortelyou and Straus are all New York men and all from the southern end of the state. He did not hesitate to have two men at one time in his cabinet from Iowa—Secretaries Shaw and Wilson—nor two from Ohio—Secretaries Taft and Garfield.

In the same way Mr. Roosevelt was entirely willing to nominate two justices of the Supreme Court of the United States from Massachusetts, although he hesitated for a while about that.

The President-elect not only wants to distribute his cabinet appointments so that all sections of the country will be represented but he has decided to proceed slowly about making his selections. "I am open to suggestions," he has said time and again in recent weeks to those who were talking with him about his prospective advisers. And as he has invited suggestions, the names of persons suggested to him have often appeared in the newspapers as prospective appointees when their cases had never gotten that far in his estimation.

Knox as Secretary of State.

He wants first of all to find a capable Secretary of State and is still canvassing the field for one. He wants the best man obtainable and means to have him, if that one will consent to serve. He has had the name of Senator Philander Chase Knox, of Pennsylvania, under serious consideration and some think Mr. Knox may finally be the man. Mr. Taft has high respect for Mr. Knox's ability. The latter, it is true, has had high cabinet honors because of his distinguished incumbency as Attorney General during portions of the McKinley and Roosevelt administrations. As a rule senators do not care to resign their places to enter the cabinet. They reason that a senator is quite as high in the official scale as a cabinet officer. Then the Senate has to confirm the nominations for cabinet offices and senators argue that as they have a hand in creating cabinet officers they certainly must be quite as important as the officials they make.

But Senator Knox has always been a busy man. All his mature life he has had a prominent part in affairs. In the Senate there is comparatively little to do that interests him. The Senate, as many a busy man has found, becomes irksome and at times Senator Knox wishes he were put off for good and engaged in practicing law or at some other active occupation. And therefore some of Senator Knox's closest friends would not be surprised if he accept the premiership, should it be offered him. There are numerous leaders in the Senate, who are senior to him in service, which means he must wait quite a while before he becomes one of the foremost men of action in that body.

It has long been a custom for a new President to take one of his rivals for the nomination into the cabinet and make him Secretary of State, just as it has been the custom for the successful candidate for Speaker of the House to give his leading rival the most important chairmanship of a House Committee. That is a consideration to which Mr. Taft is giving weight and is one of the reasons for his considering Mr. Knox, for Secretary of State. Mr. Knox was not his leading rival for the nomination but was very close to it with the solid state of Pennsylvania behind him.

Reasons for Naming Fairbanks.

Vice President Fairbanks had more votes from more States for the nomination, in which connection it should be noted that Mr. Taft has thought of him for Secretary of State and has said that it might come about that Mr. Fairbanks would be offered the place. The Vice President is giving little, if any, thought to such an outcome, but is making his plans to return to private life and take up the practice of law at Indianapolis. However, he likes Washington official life and would be attracted by a proffer of the highest cabinet place under the new President.

From the political standpoint it might be a good move for Mr. Taft to get Mr. Fairbanks into the cabinet. Indiana is torn with Republican factional fights, and the Democrats will soon be in complete control of the State. They will have the Governor, most of the State officers and one branch of the Legislature. It is recognized that there must be a big readjustment in Indiana before the Republicans can hope to win there again. The Governor is elected for four years, but two years from now members of Congress and the Legislature will have the choice of a United States Senator to succeed Mr. Beveridge. Unless a peace can be arranged between the Fairbanks and Beveridge factions it is thought the State will go Democratic again. Should Mr. Fairbanks become Secretary of State, it might help speed Indiana back into line.

But the new President has his cabinet problem with reference to Ohio. There are two factions in his home State, although only Senator Foraker of the defeated faction is pressing for any office and he is pressing simply for a reelection to the Senate. Two or three cabinet aspirants in Ohio complicate the situation for Mr. Taft, to say nothing of the rush for election to the Senate. Mr. Taft has said, however, that he will take no part in the senatorial fray, although making no secret of the fact that he would like to see his brother, ex-Representative Charles P. Taft, win the toga. If his brother should be elected Senator it would be all the more difficult for him to name more than one member of the cabinet from Ohio. He has been thinking strongly about giving Repre-



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sentative Theodore E. Burton a place at his council table, but if he should decide finally to do that, he would be confronted with the problem whether to retain Secretary of the Interior Garfield. For Secretary Garfield, like Mr. Burton, not only comes from Ohio, but from the city of Cleveland.

West Wants Interior Portfolio.

Then, again, the West, particularly the Far West, has a traditional claim to the Interior portfolio, because that department has to do chiefly with matters that interest Far Western people, and if he should decide to keep Secretary Garfield in the cabinet it might become a question whether to retain him as Secretary of the Interior or move him over to the Department of Commerce and Labor, where Mr. Garfield has served as Commissioner of Corporations, so that the West could have one of its men at the head of the Interior. Mr. Taft has already told the Pacific Coast Republicans that he recognizes their claim to a place in his cabinet. In recent times California has had the Pacific Coast member, but Mr. Taft has indicated that it may be some other Pacific Coast State this time.

Of course, New York State Republicans would have a fit, if a President should organize his cabinet without one of their number being in it. Secretary Elihu Root could have remained at the head of the State Department, if he had not consented to become the new Senator from New York. No New Yorker, of special promise, has been brought forward for a cabinet place yet, unless one makes an exception for William Nelson Cromwell, of Panama Canal fame, who has been mentioned for Attorney General. Of his ability as a lawyer there is little question, but his legal career has been associated with the big trusts and combinations, and it is doubtful whether his appointment as Attorney General would be at all popular. He was identified with Mr. Taft's campaign and has had much to do with the War Department in Panama Canal matters. He was also one of the large contributors to the Republican campaign fund. Of course, there is plenty of cabinet material in New York, but Mr. Taft is having no easy task determining upon the New York man for a cabinet place.

Problem as to New England.

Then there is the problem of a Southern member of the cabinet and of a New England member of the cabinet. National Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock is to be Postmaster General. Nominally, at least, he resides in Massachusetts, although he is an Ohioan by birth and has lived nearly all of the time for the last fifteen years in the District of Columbia. New England has had a man in the cabinet in every administration for the last fifty years and wants a real New Englander, identified with the politics and interests of one of the six New England States, in Mr. Taft's cabinet. It is glad to have Mr. Hitchcock come into Mr. Taft's cabinet as a New England man, but hopes that some other, who has passed his time there, will be chosen, too. Massachusetts has generally had the cabinet member from that section and is now pressing for the continuation of George von L. Meyer, at present Postmaster General, in the cabinet in some capacity.

But this is complicated by the efforts to put Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot in as Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Taft thinks most highly of Mr. Pinchot, who, however, is a native of Connecticut and has remained a Connecticut man, although he has lived outside of the State for many years and is now more a resident of the District of Columbia than of any State. Of course, if Mr. Pinchot and Mr. Hitchcock are both to go into the cabinet, New England could not hope for any other cabinet appointments.

Wright Will Remain.

It seems to be settled for the present that Secretary of War Wright will continue into the Taft administration. As he comes from Tennessee, he will be the Southern member, but Mr. Wright is a Democrat and may remain in the cabinet only for a while. Mr. Taft wants to recognize the Southern Republicans, as he is trying to encourage them to build up a virile party in that section.

It is not improbable that two or even three members of President Roosevelt's cabinet will be taken over for brief terms and be expected to give way within the next year or two for men of Mr. Taft's own selection. He does not feel as free, of course, to make a clean sweep of the Roosevelt cabinet members as he might, had he come into office without feeling some obligation to his predecessor, although as a man of long cabinet experience and of special familiarity with administration affairs, he has less need of old hands at the head of departments than a President new to Washington life would have.

"I had supposed until yesterday, doctor, that the days of the bleeding of patients were past."
"And so they are. But what changed your mind?"
"The bill you sent me."—Harper's Weekly.